

**What we must realize about ourselves**  
*Examining and testing ourselves*  
*for the glory of God*

# **Theme of 2 Corinthians**

**To demonstrate the overarching goodness and worth of knowing and savoring Jesus above all other competitors.**

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourself. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?  
- unless indeed you fail to meet the test.

**2nd Corinthians 13: 5**

1. Examine: Do you have a brokenness over your sin?

Test: Is this leading me toward  
repentance?

**Mark 6: 12:**

So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.

**Luke 5: 32:**

I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

2. Examine: Do I have a desire for God that overrides all other desires?

**Philippians 3: 8:**

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

**Test: Are you satisfied in Christ more than any other thing or situation?**

**Psalm 17:15:**

As for me, I shall behold you face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

**Psalm 103: 5:**

...who satisfies you with good, so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

**Psalm 107: 9:**

For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

**3. Examine: Do I have a thirst for Scripture?**

**Psalm 119: 9:** How can a young man keep His way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

**Psalm 119: 11:** I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

**Test: Is this leading me to read, memorize and apply Scripture in how I order my life?**

4. Examine: Do I thirst for peace in Christ?

**Ephesians 2: 14:** For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

Test: Am I pursuing Christ in my life, my job  
and with my family?

5. Examine: Do I have a desire to magnify the Name of Christ on the earth?

**Psalm 145: 3:** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

“That is, all things exist to magnify the truth and worth and beauty and greatness of God. Not the way a microscope magnifies, but the way a telescope magnifies.

Microscopes magnify by making tiny things look bigger than they are. Telescopes magnify by making unimaginably big things look like what they really are. Microscopes move the appearance of size away from reality. Telescopes move the appearance of size toward reality.

When I say that all things exist to magnify the truth and worth and beauty and greatness of God, I mean that all things exist to move the appearance of God in people's minds toward Reality.”

- john piper  
pastor of preaching, Bethlehem Baptist Church

Test: Do I delight in worship, Bible study,  
prayer and evangelism?

6. Examine: Do I find my ultimate Treasure and Delight in Christ?

**Luke 12: 34:** For where you treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Test: Is my happiness and my joy in  
Christ alone?

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